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SUBJECT: PRESS INQUIRY REGARDING TRAVEL TO THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS

1. ON AUGUST 20 CALIX CHU, AGENCE FRANCE PRESS BUREAU CHIEF FOR TAIWAN, CALLED TDC PAO NEIL THOMPSON AND ASKED QUOTE HAVE YOU (THE US MILITARY) BEEN DISCOURAGING US MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM VISITING QUEMOY AND MATSU UNQUOTE. FYI: IT WAS CHU, WHO, A FEW MONTHS AGO, BROKE THE STORY ABOUT WITHDRAWAL OF US PERSONNEL FROM QUEMOY AND MATSU.

2. EMBASSY INSTRUCTED THOMPSON TO REPLY AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER SUCH VISITS ARE DISCOURAGED OR ENCOURAGED. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE US MISSION VISIT THE ISLANDS WHEN, AND IF, THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES MAKE SUCH VISITS ADVISABLE. UNQUOTE.

3. TDC IS MAKING ROUTINE REPORT OF THE ABOVE PRESS INQUIRY AND RESPONSE TO CINCPAC AND SECDEF.
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